

In Re "Office Action Summary"

Box 2(b) is checked "this action is non-final". However, page 6, paragraph 12 states the action is final.

Undersigned believes the Office Action is non-final in accordance with one of several discussions with the Examiner in March.

In Re rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

Paragraph 2: Claim 8 has been amended to provide antecedent basis.

Paragraph 3: The examiner states "knock-down coupling means" is not clearly defined. Undersigned disagrees.

For the Examiner's convenience, included herewith are definitions of "knock-down" taken from two dictionaries. The pages from the dictionaries are also included. These dictionaries agree that "knock-down" conveys meaning: "to take apart (something assembled) typically for convenience of moving, packing, storing, or shipping: disassemble (knocked the table down before boxing it)"; "to be adaptable to being knocked down (a portable device that easily knocks down)"; "something (as a piece of furniture) that can easily be assembled or disassembled"; "that can easily be put together or taken apart (as for convenience of storing or shipping): made up of parts that are readily assembled or disassembled (a piece of furniture)"; "not assembled or only partly assembled: consisting of parts that can be assembled".

Further, undersigned has included a page from the manual of classification. It is clear that the term "knock-down" has sufficient meaning in class 312 to warrant a major subclass (257.1), "knock-down or set up".

Further, "coupling means" has never been in issue – to the knowledge of undersigned – as to its meaning. Please confirm.

Prior Art rejections and 112 rejections

Ironically, the point of patentable novelty coincides precisely with the asserted confusion as to the meaning of “knock-down” coupling means. The Examiner must attach patentable weight to the “knock-down” term and to do so results in patentability.

Every facet of the application talks about modules that can be readily coupled and decoupled. The concept behind the term “knock-down” is well recognized both in dictionaries and the Patent Office classification.

The only relevant area where “knock-down” is not well recognized is in the art of tanning beds, which is the reason for the patent application. Nothing in the prior art negatives patentability of applicant’s knock-down tanning bed.

102 rejection

With respect to the rejection of claims 1, 20, and 24-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Brown (5,383,916), the Examiner is invited to consider the following binding, compelling precedent articulated by the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit:

“... anticipation requires that each and every element of the claimed invention be disclosed in a single prior art reference.” *Akzo N.V. v. United States ITC*, 808 F.2d 1471, 1 U.S.P.Q.2d 1241 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

Further, “those elements must either be inherent or disclosed expressly . . .” *Verdegaal Bros., Inc. v. Union Oil Co.*, 814 F.2d 628, 2 U.S.P.Q.2d 1051 (Fed. Cir. 1987). “. . . and must be arranged as in the claim[s] . . .” *Carella v. Starlight Archery & Pro Line Co.*, 804 F.2d 135, 231 U.S.P.Q. 644 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

In addition, "... [the] absence from the reference of any claimed element negates anticipation." *Kloster Speedsteel AB v. Crucible Inc.*, 793 F.2d 1565, 230 U.S.P.Q. 81 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

The Examiner is mistaken in characterizing Brown's teachings. Undersigned's arguments accompanying the Amendment filed on November 2, 2001 discussed those points, and are incorporated by reference and highlighted as follows. Unit 13 referred to by the Examiner is not part of Brown's invention, is it designated by Brown as undesirable prior art. Unit 13 is part of a prior art bed with respect to Brown. Unit 13 may be entirely removed from the tanning bed, but servicing the components inside unit 13 requires complete disassembly to access the components inside (col. 2, lines 62-65). Brown's invention is found in his figure 6, not in his figure 1. Neither figure 1 nor figure 6 teaches applicant's invention.

Conversely, the electrical components of the instant invention are readily serviceable without complete disassembly. The ballast units are connected modularly, as noted at page 9 of the specification. The modules may be individually replaced, rather than requiring the entire assembly to be sent for servicing.

Brown clearly does not disclose knock-down coupling means, which, as shown, has definite meaning. Such term is clarified above. Without the teaching of knock-down coupling means, Brown cannot anticipate the present invention.

103 rejections

Undersigned has read the patents to Brown and Kramer et al. ('009) carefully and has failed to uncover the basis by which the Examiner has combined these references to support an obviousness type rejection of claims 2 through 7 and claims 13 through 16. Stated alternatively, there is no teaching within these citations that would warrant the combination of elements proposed by the Examiner and it is respectfully stipulated that applicant's structure would still not be obtained thereby. A specific teaching within one of the references suggesting the combination is required.

The Examiner has rejected claims 2 through 7 and 13 through 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown in view of Kramer et al. ('009). Again, the Examiner states that Brown is cited for disclosing a removable unit disposed between his bench supports. Brown does not contain such a unit; it has been eliminated by storing the electrical components inside his bench supports (in his figure 6). Kramer et al. discloses a tanning bed that houses ballasts (32) between the bench supports, however, the ballasts are inside the bottom portion of the tanning bed.

Kramer et al. does not overcome the deficiencies of Brown with respect to the present invention. Kramer has nothing to do with knock-down structure. Brown does not teach ballasts, nor does it utilize knock down coupling means for easy disassembly. While Kramer does use ballasts in his system, they are housed in the bottom portion of the tanning bad and do not allow for ready access and servicing. The tanning bed of Kramer et al. is an awkward, integral monolith, while the tanning bed of the present invention is formed from easy to assemble modules. Kramer et al.'s tanning bed has no provisions whatsoever to be disassembled; the support frame (14, 18, 20) is unitary and prefastened to the lower unit (14) within its skin (Figure 7), while upper unit 16

connects via torsion spring preloaded to 3400 pounds (col. 6). The tanning bed of the present invention allows ready access for servicing and is easy to disassemble and to move. Each of claims 2 through 7 and 13 through 16 includes specific components that are specifically designated as "removable". Neither Brown nor Kramer teaches knock-down coupling means for easy disassembly and moving of the tanning bed, and neither allows, in any way, for ready access for repair and servicing via removable components of the tanning bed. Therefore, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 should be withdrawn.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 10 through 12, 18, 19, and 21 through 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown in view of the Montego Bay brochure (3200 Legend). The deficiencies of Brown as a reference are noted above. Undersigned has reviewed the Montego Bay brochure and is puzzled with regard to the Examiner's statement at page 4 of the Office Action that the top portion of the bed is supported by a "hook". Undersigned can find no hook in any bed in the entire brochure and requests the Examiner's assistance in locating same.

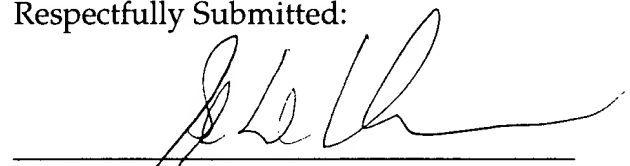
By contrast, the hook of the present invention attaches into a slit on the bottom portion of the bed (see reference number 142 in figure 5), not the top portion. Even if a hook were present in the top portion of the Montego Bay 3200 Legend bed, as the Examiner claims, this has no bearing on whether the claimed structure is obvious. This rejection should be withdrawn.

Simply stated, this invention is clearly patentable as claimed presently, once the Examiner acknowledges and gives weight to the "knock-down" terminology. A personal interview is requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner pass this case to issue. If, upon further consideration, the Examiner believes further issues remain outstanding or new ones have been generated, undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner call undersigned to expeditiously resolve same.

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EXHIBIT

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knight *n* (13c): to make a knight of
knight-er-rant *n* (13c): a knight traveling in search of adventures in which to exhibit military skill, prowess, and generosity

knight-er-rant-ry *n* (13c): a knight-errantry (1654) 1: the practice or actions of a knight-errant 2: quixotic conduct

knight-hood *n* (13c): 1: the rank, dignity, or profession of a knight 2: the qualities befitting a knight: CHIVALRY 3: knights as a class or body

knightly *adj* (14c): 1: of, relating to, or characteristic of a knight 2: made up of knights — **knight-li-ness** *n* — **knightly** *adv*

Knight of Co-lum-bus *n* (13c): 1: the rank, dignity, or profession of a knight 2: the qualities befitting a knight: CHIVALRY 3: knights as a class or body

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Knight of the Mac-ca-bees *n* (13c): 1: the rank, dignity, or profession of a knight 2: the qualities befitting a knight: CHIVALRY 3: knights as a class or body

Knight of the Maccabees (1922): a member of a secret benevolent society

Knight Templar *n* *pl* **Knights Templars** or **Knights Templar** (1610) 1: TEMPLAR 2: a member of an order of Freemasonry

conferring three orders in the York rite

knish *n* (1916): a small round or square of dough stuffed with a filling (as potato) and baked or fried

knit *n* (13c): 1: to knit or knit together (OE *cnyttan*; akin to OE *cnotta* knot) *vi* (bef. 12c) 1: chiefly *dialect*: to tie together

2: to link firmly or closely (knitted my hands) *b*: to cause to grow together (time and rest will ~ a fractured bone) *c*: to contract into wrinkles (knitted her brow) 3: to form by interlacing yarn or thread in a series of connected loops with needles ~ *vi* 1: to make knitted fabrics or objects 2: to become compact *b*: to grow together *c*: to become drawn together — **knit-ter** *n*

knit *n* (1596): KNIT STITCH; also: a knit fabric

knit stitch *n* (ca. 1885): a basic knitting stitch usu. made with the yarn at the back of the work by inserting the right needle into the front part of a loop on the left needle from the left side, catching the yarn with the point of the right needle, and bringing it through the first loop to form a new loop — compare PURL STITCH

knit-ting *n* (15c): 1: the action or method of one that knits 2: work done or being done by one that knits

knit-wear *n* (1916): knitted clothing

knob *n* (13c): 1: a rounded protuberance: LUMP *b*: a small rounded ornament or handle 2: a rounded usu. isolated hill or mountain — **knobbed** *adj* — **knob-by** *adj*

knob-bly *adj* (1859): having very small knobs (a ~ mat-tress)

knob-ker-rie *n* (1844): a short wooden club with a knob at one end used as a missile or in close attack esp. by Zulus of southern Africa

knock *n* (13c): 1: to strike something with a sharp blow 2: to collide with something 3: a: BUSTLE (heard them ~ing around in the kitchen) *b*: WANDER (~ed about Europe all summer) 4: a: to make a pounding noise *b*: to have engine knock 5: to find fault ~ *vi* 1: a (1): to strike sharply (2): to drive, force, or make by or as if by so striking *b*: to set forcibly in motion with a blow 2: to cause to collide 3: to find fault with (always ~ing those in authority) — **knock cold**: **KNOCK OUT** 2a(1) — **knock dead**: to move strongly esp. to admiration or applause (a comedian who really knocks them dead) — **knock for a loop** 1: a: OVERCOME (knocked my opponent for a loop) *b*: DEMOLISH (knocked our idea for a loop) 2: DUMB-FOUND, AMAZE (the news knocked them for a loop) — **knock one's socks off**: to overwhelm or amaze one (a performance that will knock your socks off) — **knock together**: to make or assemble esp. hurriedly or in a makeshift way (knocked together my own bookcase)

knock *n* (14c): 1: a: a sharp blow: RAP, HIT (a loud ~ on the door) *b* (1): a severe misfortune or hardship (2): SETBACK, REVERSAL 2: a: a pounding noise *b*: a sharp repetitive metallic noise caused by abnormal ignition in an automobile engine 3: a harsh and often petty criticism (likes praise but can't stand the ~s)

knock-about *n* (1880): 1: suitable for rough use (~ clothing) 2: a: being noisy and rough: BOISTEROUS (~ games) *b*: characterized by boisterous antics and often extravagant, burlesque (~ comedy) 3: of a sailing vessel: having a simplified rig marked by absence of bowsprit and topmast (a ~ sloop) — **knockabout** *n*

knock back *vi* (ca. 1931): DRINK, SWALLOW; *specif*: to toss down (an alcoholic beverage)

knock-down *n* (1690): 1: having such force as to strike down or overwhelm (a bewildering assortment of ~ arguments — J. W. Krutch) 2: that can easily be assembled or disassembled (a ~ table) 3: chiefly *Brit*: extremely low: REDUCED (~ prices)

knock-down *n* (1809): 1: the action of knocking down 2: something (as a blow) that strikes down or overwhelms 3: something (as a piece of furniture) that can be easily assembled or disassembled

knock down *n* (15c): 1: to strike to the ground with or as if with a sharp blow: FELL 2: to dispose of (an item) to a bidder at an auction sale 3: to take apart: DISASSEMBLE 4: to receive as income or salary: EARN (positions where they were able to knock down good money — *Infantry Jour.*) 5: REDUCE

knock-down-drag-out or **knock-down-and-drag-out** *adj* (1834): marked by extreme violence or bitterness and by the showing of no mercy (~ political debates) — **knock-down-drag-out** *n*

knock-er *n* (14c): 1: one that knocks: as *a*: a metal ring, bar, or hammer hinged to a door for use in knocking *b*: a persistently pessimistic critic 2: BREAST — usu. used in pl.; often considered vul-gar

knock-knee *n* (1879): a condition in which the legs curve inward at the knees — **knock-kneed** *adj*

knock-off *n* (1966): a copy that sells for less than the original; broadly: a copy or imitation of someone or something popular

knock off *vi* (1649): to stop doing something ~ *vi* 1: to do hurriedly or routinely (knocked off one painting after another) 2: DIS-

CONTINUE, STOP (knocked off work at five) 3: DEED little to make the price more attractive) 4: a: KILL

men ... on mercenary grounds — Lewis Baker) *b*: ROBB (knocked off each center of rebellion) 5: ROB (knocked off banks) 6: to make a knockoff of: COPY, IMITATE (knocked off dress designs)

knock-out *n* (1887) 1: a: the act of knocking out a condition of being knocked out *b* (1): the act of knocking out a match when one boxer has been knocked down and resumes boxing within a specified time (2): TECHNICAL: a blow that knocks out an opponent 2: something striking, appealing, or attractive — **knockout** *adj*

knock out *vi* (1856) 1: to produce roughly or hastily defeat (a boxing opponent) by a knockout (2): to make (the drug knocked him out) *b*: to make inoperative or inoperative (knocked out illegal gambling) 3: to tire out; exhaust themselves out with work) 4: to cause (an opponent) removed from a baseball game by a batting rally

knockout drops *n* (1895): drops of a solution of a drug (hydrate) put into a drink to produce unconsciousness or death

knock over *vi* (ca. 1814) 1: a (1): to strike to the ground (2): OVERWHELM (was knocked over by the news) *b*: a: TRUCKLOAD (knocked over every difficulty) 2: a: STEAL; HIJACK (knocked over a truckload of merchandise — J. B. Martin) *b*: ROB (knocked over a bank)

knock up *vi* (1663) 1: *Brit*: ROUSE, SUMMON 2: to make sometimes considered vulgar

knock-wurst *n* (1887): a: a small round sausage *b*: a short thick heavily seasoned sausage

knoll *n* (13c): 1: a small rounded hill: MOUND

knoll *vb* [ME. prob. alter. of *knellen* to knell] (15c) *archaic*: to ring

knop *n* (13c): 1: a small rounded knob (bef. 12c): a: a: an interlacement of the parts of one or more flexible bodies forming a lump or knob *b*: the lump or knob so formed *c*: a tight constriction or the sense of constriction (my stomach was all in ~s) 2: something hard to solve: PROBLEM (a matter full of legal ~s) 3: a bond of union; esp: the marriage bond 4: a: a protuberant lump or swelling in tissue (a ~ in a gland) *b*: the base of a woody branch enclosed in the stem from which it arises; also: its section in lumber 5: a cluster of persons or things: GROUP 6: an ornamental bow of ribbon: COCKADE 7: a: a division of the log's line serving to measure a ship's speed *b* (1): one nautical mile per hour (2): one nautical mile — not used technically

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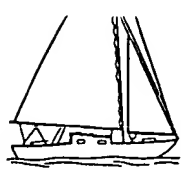
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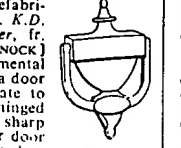
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referred scene was good ~
L. Jones) 2a Austral: a handy-
made a sheep station b: one that
wanders about or travels in an
irregular, haphazard, or aimless
way: WANDERER, VAGRANT (a man
without family, a ~ —D.C. Peattie)
3: a sloop with a simplified rig
marked by absence of bowsprit and
topmast and by having a single
headsail on the forestay 4: something designed or suitable
for rough or casual informal use: as a: an article of clothing
(as a coat, hat) designed or suitable for such use b: an un-
pretentious vehicle esp. designed or suitable for short trips
or other casual informal use (a secondhand car that will
serve as a ~) (was now in a one-cylinder ~ which in every way
lived up to its name —William Beebe)
knockaway var of KNACKAWAY
knock back v. chiefly Brit: SWALLOW; SPECIFY: to toss down
(an alcoholic beverage) (smell of the brandy they had just
been knocking back —Bruce Marshall)
knock-back \ˈnɒk-bæk\ n. s. [fr. knock back, v.] Austral: REBUFF,
REFUSAL (he's had a knock-back from his old man —John
Morrison)
knock down vt 1a (1): to strike to the ground or lay low with
or as if with a short sharp blow: FELL, PROSTRATE (hit him on
the chin and knocked him down) (2): to lower in degree
tone down: put down (needs to have his self-esteem knocked
down) HUMBLE, HUMILIATE (try not to frustrate him or knock
down his cap —Education Digest) b: to hit with or as if with
a projectile or other missile and cause to fall: shoot down
(thinking of ways to knock planes down from the skies —J.P.
Baxter b. 1893) c: to dispose of effectively: put out of the
game birds) c (1): to dispose of effectively: put out of the
way: get rid of: ELIMINATE, QUASH (each objection had been
knocked down —Times Lit. Supp.) (2) Austral: to spend
(money) with abandon (knock down their checks there —
George Farwell) d: to check or abate (flames or heat) at the
edges of a blazing area e: to cause (a vessel) to heel over or
list heavily or beyond recovery (lets the wind blow on both
sides of the sail ~ and the boat cannot be knocked down —
Peter Heaton) 2: to dispose of to or as if to a bidder at an
auction sale (knocked the clock down for a trifling sum)
3: to take apart (something assembled) typically for conven-
ience of moving, packing, storing, or shipping: DISASSEMBLE
(knocked the table down before boxing it) 4a slang (1): to
appropriate dishonestly: STEAL (knocked down a bank)
b: to receive as income or salary: make by earning: EARN,
DRAW, GET (positions where they were able to knock down
good money —Infantry Jour.) (were knocking down close to
\$150,000 a year —Newsweek) 5: to hammer out the
round and joints of (a book to be rebound) after removal of
the cover; also: to flatten out the frayed ends of (cords or
bands) after lacing in 6: to make a reduction in (an amount):
REDUCE, LOWER (knocked the price down a dollar or two)
7: LOWERCASE (knocking down an initial letter that had been
printed as a capital) 1: to be adaptable to being
knocked down (a portable device that easily knocks down)
2 of wind or a body of water: to become tranquil: SUBSIDE (the
sea was knocking down steadily —R.F. Mirvish)
knockdown \ˈnɒk-daʊn\ n. s. [knock down, v.] 1a (1): the action of
knocking down (a general ~ of prices —Newsweek) (2): the
condition of being knocked down: SPECIFY: the condition of a
ship (as a sailboat) that is heeling over, listing heavily, or
beyond recovery from the impact of wind or water b (1): a
temporary or permanent disordered state that is produced in
an insect by an insecticide or other control agent and that is
marked by cessation of the insect's normal activity and often
followed by the insect's death (2): the degree to which an in-
secticide or other control agent successfully incapacitates or
kills insects (3): the percentage of a test group of insects that
is successfully incapacitated or killed by an insecticide or other
control agent — compare KILL 1c 2a: a blow that knocks
down (watched for the first ~ in the fight) b: an overwhelm-
ing or crushing blow (as of misfortune) c: a severe setback (it
was a bad ~ for both of us —Lucien Price) 3: something (as
a piece of furniture) that can easily be assembled or dis-
assembled 4 slang: an introduction to a person (gave a guy
~ to your girl friend —Jerome Weidman)
knockdown \ˈnɒk-daʊn\ adj [partly fr. knock down, partly fr. knock-
down] 1: that knocks down or is capable of knocking down
(a ~ jab to the jaw) 2: having such force or strength as to
strike down: PROSTRATING, INCAPACITATING (his schemes
have met a ~ blow —Amy Lowell) (the ~ power of an in-
secticide) b (1): that cannot be successfully opposed: OVER-
WHELMING, OVERPOWERING (a bewildering assortment of ~
arguments —J.W. Krutch) (would provide an almost ~ proof
—A.G.N. Flew) c: CRUSHING (a ~ defeat) (2): pushing
hindrances or objections relentlessly aside by sheer force or
drive: BULLDOZING (his ~ style of polemics —W.E. Wood-
ward) d: bluntly assured: CATEGORICAL (he had his ~ answer
for anyone who questioned his qualifications —Van Wyck
Brooks) e: KNOCK-DOWN-AND-DRAW-OUT (can explode any
moment into a ~ fight —Newsweek) 2a: that can easily be
put together or taken apart (as for convenience of storing or
shipping): made up of parts that are readily assembled or
disassembled (a ~ piece of furniture) b: KNOCKED-DOWN
3a: lowest possible: MINIMUM (the auctioneer set the ~ bid
at \$5.00) b: extremely low (can make the trip at ~ cost)
c: REDUCED (bought supplies at ~ prices)
knock-down-and-drag-out \ˈnɒk-daʊn-ənd-drəɡ-aʊt\ or knock-down,
drag-out \ˈnɒk-daʊn-ənd-drəɡ-aʊt\ adj [knock down + and + drag out, v.]
marked by extreme violence or bitterness and by the giving
of no quarter: carried to the last extremity (a knock-down-and-
drag-out fight) (knock-down-and-drag-out political debates)
(one of the toughest knock-down-and-drag-out little battles ever
fought —Infantry Jour.)
knock-down-and-drag-out \ˈnɒk-daʊn-ənd-drəɡ-aʊt\ n. s. a knock-down-and-
drag-out fight or controversy (are both spilling for a real
knock-down-and-drag-out on this issue —New Republic)
knocked past of KNOCK
knocked-down \ˈnɒk-dəʊn\ adj [fr. past part. of knock down]: not
assembled or only partly assembled: consist-
ing of parts that can be assembled (prefabricated
knocked-down buildings) — abbr. K.D.
knock-er \ˈnɒk-ər\ n. s. [ME knokker, fr.
knocken to knock + -er more at KNOCK]
1: one that knocks: as a: a usu. ornamental
fixture attached to the outer surface of a door
and consisting typically of a metal plate to
which a metal ring or bar or hammer is hinged
that may be raised and lowered with sharp
force against the surface of the plate or door
so as to produce a rattling noise designed to
indicate one's desire to gain admittance b dial
Eng: a spirit or goblin believed to dwell in



knockabout 3

gerund of knock over]: the action of a knitting machine
device that pushes the newly formed loops off the needles
knock \ˈnɒk\ v. n. [fr. gerund of knock "to copulate with",
fr. knock ~ing Brit: BROTHEL]
knock-knee \ˈnɒk-ˈniː\ n. a condition in which the legs curve
inward at the knees as a result of disease or unphysiologic
stresses on the bones (afflicted with knock-knee)
knock-kneed \ˈnɒk-ˈniːd\ adj 1: having knock-knee (an emaciated
knock-kneed child) 2a: functioning or moving awkwardly
or jerkily or laboriously (a knock-kneed mind) (knock-kneed
lines of verse): LIMPING, LAME, INEPT, WEAK (a knock-kneed
exuse) b: devoid of smoothness and grace: CLUMSY,
GAUCHÉ (a knock-kneed collection of provincial practitioners
—Times Lit. Supp.) (a knock-kneed vase in the foreground
—H.L. Mencken)
knock-knees \ˈnɒk-ˈniːz\ n. pl: knees that approach each other or
knock together because of knock-knee (developed knock-
knees at an early age)
knock-less \ˈnɒk-lɪs\ adj: having or producing no knock (a
~ motor fuel): devoid of knocks (the easy sheltered ~ un-
shocked life —Forum)
knock-me-down \ˈnɒk-miː-daʊn\ adj: that overpowers or overwhelms
BULLDOZING (knock-me-down Johnsonian pragmatism —
George Saintsbury) (a knock-me-down doctrine —Joseph
Conrad)
knockmeter \ˈnɒk-miː-tər\ n. an instrument that measures the
intensity of knock (sense 2)
knock off vt 1: to discontinue doing something: SPECIFY: to
cease from work or some other occupation (knocks off for
several days and lolls about in pajamas —E.P. Snow) 2 slang
DIE ~ vi 1a: to do esp. in a hurried or routine way: take
care of: get through with: attend to: DISPATCH (knocking
off routine duties with very little thought) b: to produce
esp. roughly or hastily: turn out hurriedly (knocks off one
book after another) 2a (1): to discontinue (work or some
other occupation): leave off (arranged that they should
knock off work at five —Nevil Shute) b: to desist from: STOP,
QUIT (2): to cause to leave off (from work or some other
indicated occupation) c: DISMISS (the foreman knocked off
the workers for lunch) (told them he was tired of their talking
and that he wished they would knock it off) b: to discontinue
with: pass over: SKIP (hoped that the usual inspection would
be knocked off) 3: DEDUCT (knocked off 20 cents to make
the price more attractive) 4a: to take into custody: SEIZE,
ARREST, NAB (had enough sense not to get knocked off by the
police —Richard Llewellyn) b: RAID (knocked off a gambling
joint) 5a: KILL, MURDER (knocked off two men, purely on
mercenary grounds —Lewis Baker) b: OVERCOME, DE-
STROY (knocked off each center of rebellion) c: to get rid
of: ELIMINATE (knocked off every objection) (usually has to
knock off only one or two opponents —W.S. Carlson) d: to dis-
pose of to or as if to a bidder at an auction sale: knock down
6a slang (1): STEAL (knocked off a few trunks in the store)
(2): ROB (knocked off a couple of banks) b: RECEIVE, GET
OBTAIN (knocks off a Nobel prize —Ethel Merman) 7: to
swallow down: toss off: finish off (ordered a schooner of
beer and knocked it off with unaffected enthusiasm —A.J.
Liebling)
knock-off \ˈnɒk-ɒf\ n. pl knock-offs [knock off] 1: the action of
knocking off; esp: the automatic coming to a halt of a
machine or of a part of a machine through the action of a
device activated when the functioning of the machine be-
comes faulty 2: a cam or other device designed to safeguard
a machine or part of a machine from continuing to function
when operation becomes faulty 3: the time set for leaving
off from work or from some other occupation (finished the
greater part of the job long before knock-off)
knock on vi: to knock onward: knock forward; SPECIFY: to
knock (the ball in rugby) forward in the direction of the op-
ponents' dead-ball line with the hand or arm
knock-on \ˈnɒk-ɒn\ n. pl knock-ons [knock on]: the action
of knocking on
knock-on \ˈnɒk-ɒn\ adj [knock on]: produced or projected as a
result of the collision of an energetic particle (as a neutron
or fission fragment) from outside an atom with an elementary
particle inside (a knock-on shower of particles) (a knock-on
atom) (a knock-on electron)
knock out vt 1a: to produce esp. roughly or hastily: turn
out hurriedly (in that same month he knocked out eleven
novellets —Time) b: to get through with: take care of
esp. in a hurried or routine way: attend to: DISPATCH (quickly
knocked out the few things that had to be looked after)
2a (1): to fell (a boxing opponent) by hitting esp. on the
chin and making unconscious or otherwise unable to rise
or continue within a specified time (knocked him out in the
first round) (2): to make unconscious or to stupefy esp. by
hitting on the head (the flowerpot hit him on the head and
knocked him out) b (1): to make the further use of impossible
without replacement or repair: put out of commission: make
inoperative (telephone communications had been knocked
out) c: DEMOLISH, DESTROY (knocking out the bridges and an
ammunition dump —Lee Rogow) (knocked out twelve trans-
port aircraft —Time) (2): to put an effective end to: get
rid of: ELIMINATE, CRUSH, SQUELCH (knocked out
commercial gambling —A.E. Stevenson b. 1900) 3a: to
make (as oneself) exhausted: tire out: wear out (knocked
themselves out with excessive work) b: to exert (as oneself)
to the breaking point or beyond endurance: exert to the
utmost: drive to the point of exhaustion (knocking myself
out to get top grades —W.H. Whyte) (knocked ourselves out
preparing for the grand opening —Polly Adler) 4: to strike
(the inverted bowl of a pipe of tobacco) on something or with
something so as to cause burning or burned tobacco to fall
out (knocked his pipe out before refilling it) 5: to knock
out of the box (the pitcher was knocked out in the fifth inning)
knockout \ˈnɒk-aʊt\ n. s. [knock out] 1 Brit: an auction or sale
or similar transaction at which a combination (as of bidders)
illegitimately forces out other potential competitors and
arranges by prior agreement to have one member of the com-
bination secure at a set price the thing being offered so as
later to profitably dispose of the thing (as by reauctioning)
2a (1): the act of knocking out or the condition of being
knocked out (2): a blow or attack that knocks out (won the
fight by a ~) (an attempted early ~ by the enemy —R.W.
Stokely) b (1): termination of a bout in boxing that occurs
when an opponent is knocked out (2): TECHNICAL KNOCK-
OUT 3: something sensationally striking or attractive
something altogether out of the ordinary or superlatively ex-
cellent (she combines looks with poise and is a ~ at any party)
(a hilarious book that is a real ~) (has produced a new film
that is a ~) 4a: something (as a set of pins in a die) that
can be loosened or forced out typically to release or force
out something else (as work in a punch or die) b (1): a
partially punched-out or cutout piece esp. in metal or plastic
designed to be forced to fit when an opening is required; esp
such a partially punched piece in the side of a junction box
(2): the hole produced when such a piece is forced out
knockout \ˈnɒk-aʊt\ adj [partly fr. knock out; partly fr. knockout]
1a: that knocks out: as (1): that makes unconscious or



knocker 1a

: HIJACK (knocks
Martin) b: RO
McCarten) 3: to
good sum each ye:
of applause (whic
knocks ~ on
knockover \ˈnɒk-
over\ n. s. a: the
condition of
knock poker n: a
cards and attempts
discards as in rum
knock rummy n: t
the winner is the
cards and in which
knocks pres 3d sin,
knock under vi: a
~ vs ~ why shoul
H.D. Thoreau)
knock up vt 1a (a
with little ~ though
: prepare quickly,
us —Irwin Shaw)
acquaintance with
small wooden bu
Pinckney) c: to
shuttlecock) in wa
minton, squash) ~
by knocking at the
3a: to make ex:
3a knock me up ~ G
dition ~ cause to d
knocked them up)
competition had A
c: WOUND, HURT (a
over there — that is
gets knocked up ~
score) c: MAKE, ACH
receive as income
pregnant (no girl
knocked up —Erne
TURN, BOTHER (felt
to knock down (se
ily exhausted or of
beasts had knock-
idress) 2: to ch
dicated — used w
difficulties) (happ
3: to practice info
fore a match (as in
knockup \ˈnɒk-
volleying in warm
knockwurst var of
knock-don \ˈnɒk-
dial Eng: KNEADED
knock-de
knodel or knodel
fr. OHG knoda-
knoe-ve-na-gel re-
knoevenagel cond
venagel 1921 Ger
catalyzed by amine:
ketone and a compo
(as in esters of ac
acid)
knoll \ˈnɒl\ n. s. [A
clod, lump, tuber, O
more at KNOT] 1a
usu. a rounded m
of a body of water;
reef (2): a usu. r
tion, bank, or bar
: MOUND, HILLOCK
knoll \ˈnɒl\ n. s. [M
archaic: KNELL
knoll \ˈnɒl\ vb -ed/-
— more at KNELL) c
knolly \ˈnɒl\ adj: m
try)
knop hardness \ˈnɒp-
cent. m. chem. (see
metal) that is deter-
pointed diamond p
trate it
knop \ˈnɒp\ n. s. [M
MLG knuppe, kno
knop knot, bud, kno
in wood, OE cnotta
knob: as a: a smal
ment or protuberan
the stem of a vessel
the shank or shaft
andiron) and that u
b: knob 1b: a u
silk, cotton) that is
and that is often o
thread, or cloth or
formed in or on the
knop-ite \ˈnɒp-ɪt\ n
mineralogist + G: d
knopped \ˈnɒp-ɪt\ n
more knops (a glass
knop-per \ˈnɒp-ɪt\ n
knob) : a gall that is
and dyeing
knop-ite spider \ˈnɒp-
knob, bud — more
spiders (Latrodect
southern Africa that
widow
knop's solution \ˈnɒp-
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sulfur, m. basic p
ride dissolved in w
knop yarn n: a ply
twisting one ply fast
norhaan also knoo
knor-ria \ˈnɒr-ɪa\ n
Ger. collector of pe
based on fossil stem
date in structure bet
ceae and the Sigillari
knosp \ˈnɒsp\ n. s. (f
knot, bud, knob — n
knos-sian also knos
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city of Knossos

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204	SIMULATION, ORNAMENTATION OR WITH SECRET COMPARTMENT	234.2	..Correlated list
205	EXPANSIBLE	234.3	...On closure
206	FOR BRUSH, BROOM OR MOP	234.4	..Labels affixed to shelves and/or partitions
207	.Projecting article handle	234.5	..Labeled movable supports
208.1	FOR KEY-BOARD WRITING MACHINE (E.G., TYPEWRITER)	235.1	WITH STEP
208.2	.Including work-sheet storing area	235.2	WITH SEAT OR REST
208.3	.Having particular machine-cover detail	235.3	.Seat storable within cabinet
208.4	.Portable	235.4	.Component rearrangeable to form seat
208.5	FOR SEWING MACHINE	235.5	.Cabinet with seat structure
208.6	.Portable	235.6	..Cabinet forming armrest
209	LABORATORY, DENTAL, BARBER OR MEDICAL	235.7	..Cabinet forming backrest
210	MASK OR SCREEN TYPE	235.8	.Diverse cabinet adapted to be mounted upon seat
210.5	WITH SIFTER	235.9	.Diverse seat and cabinet fixedly connected (e.g., classroom desk)
211	WITH DEPOSIT AND COLLECTION COMPARTMENT	236	WITH HEATING, COOLING OR HEAT EXCHANGE MEANS
212	.Movably mounted	237	COMBINED
213	FORAMINOUS EXTERIOR WALL	238	ROOM CORNER TYPE
400	SPACED INSULATED WALL	239	WITH USER ACCOMMODATING RECESS
401	.Refrigerator cabinet	240	CONVERTIBLE
402	..Including exterior-access drawer	241	.To table only
403	..Including hot compartment	242	MOUNTED IN WALL OR PANEL RECESS
404	..Including particular storage compartment	243	SELECTIVE DIVERSE CABINET SUPPORTS
405	..Closure structure	244	WITH CARRYING HANDLE
405.1	...Having article support	245	MOUNTED ON WALL, CEILING OR SPACED PANELS
406	..Wall structure	246	.Movably mounted housing or compartment
406.1	...Including means to relieve thermal stress	247	..Vertically
406.2	...Wall-ends connection	248	..Pivotally only
407	...Refrigerating-zones divider	257.1	KNOCKDOWN OR SETUP TYPE
407.1Having opening	258	.Foldable
408	..Shelf or shelf-supporting structure	259	..Flexible cardboard-type walls
409	.Fire-resistant cabinet	260	...Slidable closure or guides
410	.Particular oven shelf, rack, or support therefore	261	...Slidable compartment or guide
215	WITH LOCK OR LATCH SELECTOR-OPERATOR	262	..Sidewalls hinged to rigid backwall
216	GANG-BAR TYPE LOCKING OR LATCHING MEANS	263	.Adjacent walls rigidly interlocked
217	.Concealed	264	.Opposite walls rigidly interlocked
218	..With push or pull rod as operator	265	..Interior tie members, externally accessible
219	..With separable key as operator	265.1	.Skeletal frame
220	..With closure as operator	265.2	..Parallel panels connected by skeletal frame members
221	..With movable compartment as operator	265.3	...Parallel panels are vertically oriented
222	LATCH ACTUATED BY COMPONENT OR ITS LATCH	265.4	..Free-standing in final configuration
224	WITH MIRROR	265.5	.Connecting panels
225	.Plural	265.6	.Removable panel
226	.Movably mounted	266	WITH CONTINUOUSLY LEVEL REVOLVABLE COMPONENTS
227	..With, on, or forming, closure	267	.Continuously housed
228	WITH BASIN OR TUB	268	..On flexible endless conveyor
228.1	.Having particular shelf or rack	269	.Interconnected with pivoted rigid housing wall
229	WITH LIQUID DRAIN, DUST COLLECTOR OR GUARD	270.1	HAVING A MOVABLE COMPARTMENT WITH IN-HOUSED COVER
230	WITH ERASABLE SURFACE (E.G., BLACKBOARD)	270.2	.Pivotally movable compartment
231	WITH DRAFTING BOARD	270.3	.Horizontally movable compartment
232	WITH INKWELL		
233	WITH BOOK SUPPORT		
234	WITH EXHIBITOR, INDICATOR OR SAMPLE		
234.1	.With contents indicia		

EXHIBIT "C"



Bracketed and Underlined Claims

Claim 1 (amended) - A tanning bed comprising in combination:

a plurality of modules selected from the group including a tanning bed, a canopy, a bed support, a canopy support, and a ballast assembly collectively defining components of said tanning bed,

and knock-down coupling means integral with said components for easily removing and assembling said components into an operational tanning bed.

Claim 8 (amended) - A tanning bed comprising in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, said components including a pair of spaced bench supports including a ballast housing interposed between said bench supports and means fixing said ballast housing to said bench supports in removable relationship thereto, wherein said bench supports cradle a bench in removable overlying relationship thereto, said bench provided with illumination means for tanning, and wherein said bench supports fasten to a [said] canopy and a pair of posts project upwardly from said bench supports in frictional telescoping relationship, said posts including a pivot that supports a link operatively coupled to said canopy and adapted to allow said link and said canopy to move from a first open position wherein a tanner can lie on the bed to a second closed position where said canopy is in overlying relationship with respect to said bed and said tanner, and gas shock means operatively coupled with said link and said post in a path of heat radiation whereupon gas within said shock elevates in temperature upon utilization of said bed increasing the effectiveness of said gas shock;

said [a] canopy operatively connected to said bench by removeable attachment means, said canopy provided with illumination means for tanning; and

knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed.



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Claim 2 - The bed of claim 1 wherein said components include a pair of spaced bench supports including a ballast housing interposed between said bench supports and means fixing said ballast housing to said bench supports in removeable relationship thereto.

Claim 3 - The bed of claim 2 wherein said bench supports cradle a bench in removeable overlying relationship thereto, said bench provided with illumination means for tanning.

Claim 4 - The bed of claim 3 including a canopy pivotally connected to said bench by removeable attachment means, said canopy provided with illumination means for tanning.

Claim 5 - The bed of claim 4 wherein said ballast housing includes a pair of outwardly and downwardly projecting L-shaped legs which overlie and grasp portions of said bench supports.

Claim 6 - The bed of claim 5 wherein said ballast housing receives therewithin a plurality of ballast units formed as modules, each of said modules formed from choke ballasts oriented in series and terminating at a plug.

Claim 7 - The bed of claim 6 wherein the illumination means are a plurality of ultraviolet lights connected in series to said choke ballasts such that collectively said choke ballasts and said lights maintain current at a substantially constant level.

Claim 8 - A tanning bed comprising in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, said components including a pair of spaced bench supports including a ballast housing interposed between said bench supports and means fixing said ballast housing to said bench supports in removable relationship thereto, wherein said bench supports cradle a bench in removable overlying relationship thereto, said bench provided with illumination means for tanning, and wherein said bench supports fasten to a canopy and a pair of posts project upwardly from said bench supports in frictional telescoping relationship, said posts including a pivot that supports a link operatively coupled to said canopy and adapted to allow said link and said canopy to move from a first open position wherein a tanner can lie on the bed to a second closed position where said canopy is in overlying relationship with respect to said bed and said tanner, and gas shock means operatively coupled with said link and said post in a path of heat radiation whereupon gas within said shock elevates in temperature upon utilization of said bed increasing the effectiveness of said gas shock;

said canopy operatively connected to said bench by removeable attachment means, said canopy provided with illumination means for tanning; and

knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed.

Claim 9 - The bed of claim 8 wherein said link is received within a hollow of said canopy, said canopy including an abutment which captures a latch projecting from said

link, said hollow including a bead which frictionally resides against a terminus of said link.

Claim 10 - A tanning bed comprising in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, said components including a pair of spaced bench supports including a ballast housing interposed between said bench supports and means fixing said ballast housing to said bench supports in removeable relationship thereto, wherein said bench supports cradle a bench in removeable overlying relationship thereto, said bench provided with illumination means for tanning and wherein said bench attaches to said bench supports on one edge thereof by means of a projection on said bench support being received within a complementally formed slit on said bench, said slit provided with adequate clearance to allow articulation of said bench about said projection;

a canopy operatively connected to said bench by removeable attachment means, said canopy provided with illumination means for tanning; and

knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed.

Claim 11 - The bed of claim 10 wherein an opposite side of said bench includes another slit which receives a hook supported on said bench support, said hook having releasable fastening means to release said bench relative to said bench support.

Claim 12 - The bed of claim 10 including a stand member which is interposed between said bench support and said bench to allow said bench to remain in an elevated secure position above said bench supports.

Claim 13 - The bed of claim 4 wherein a cover is provided on a concave surface of said bench and is fixed within a peripheral ledge on said bed circumscribing said

cover, said cover residing on said ledge, and a plurality of fins interposed between clusters of illumination means and underlying said cover, said cover frictionally held from said bench by means of gaskets.

Claim 14 - The bed of claim 4 wherein said canopy and said bench includes a plurality of air passageways extending longitudinally along said canopy and said bench providing cooling air from end walls of said canopy and said bench through filters located at said end walls and slits in said canopy and said bench to exhaust air by a fan mounted adjacent said slits and controlled by a temperature sensing means.

Claim 15 - The bed of claim 14 including a zone of increased radiation disposed on said canopy and oriented to address a face area of said user, said zone of increased ultraviolet radiation formed from a plurality of clusters of high output ultraviolet radiation, each cluster constrained to operate within a boxed-shaped well secured to an inverted support tray and separated from a tanner by a window.

Claim 16 - The bed of claim 15 including a plurality of fans oriented upstream from said zone of increased ultraviolet radiation to augment air flow in the face area.

Claim 17 - A tanning bed comprising in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, said components including bench supports, a bed, and a canopy, wherein said bench supports fasten to said canopy and a pair of posts project upwardly from said bench supports in frictional telescoping relationship, said posts including a pivot that supports a link operatively coupled to said canopy and adapted to allow said link and said canopy to move from a first open position wherein a tanner can lie on the bed to a second closed position where said canopy is in overlying relationship with respect to said bed and said tanner, and gas shock means operatively coupled with said link and

said post in a path of heat radiation whereupon gas within said shock elevates in temperature upon utilization of said bed increasing the effectiveness of said gas shock; and

knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed.

Claim 18 - A tanning bed comprising in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, said components includes a bench and bench supports; and

knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed, wherein said knock-down coupling means includes attachment of said bench to said bench supports on one edge thereof by means of a projection on said bench support being received within a complementally formed slit on said bench, said slit provided with adequate clearance to allow articulation of said bench about said projection.

Claim 19 - A tanning bed comprising in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, said components including a bench and a bench support; and

knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed, wherein said knock-down coupling means includes a slit on the side of said bench which receives a hook supported on said bench support, said hook having releasable fastening means to release said bench relative to said bench support.

Claim 20 - A tanning bed, comprising, in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed wherein said components include illumination means; and

knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed, wherein said knock-down coupling means includes a removable cover for said illumination means, said cover having air channeling means integrated therewith.

Claim 21 - A tanning bed, comprising, in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, and

knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed, said knock-down coupling means including integrally-formed panels, wherein said integrally-formed panels are independently removable.

Claim 22 - A tanning bed, comprising, in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, and

knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed wherein a bench is attached to bench supports on one edge thereof by means of a projection on said bench support being received within a complementally formed slit on said bench, said slit formed as removable cap on said bench.

Claim 23 - A tanning bed, comprising, in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, and

knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed wherein a canopy is attached to a bench on one edge thereof by means of a projection on said bench support being received within a complementally formed slit on said bench, said slit formed as removable cap on said canopy.

Claim 24 - A tanning bed, comprising, in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, wherein said components include plural illumination means having differing characteristics, each said illumination means being independently removable; and

knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed.

Claim 25 - A tanning bed, comprising, in combination:

a plurality of modules collectively defining components of said tanning bed, wherein said components include ventilation means whereby air is drawn into the tanning bed and exhausting means whereby said air is exhausted out of the tanning bed in a direction away from a tanner; and

knock-down coupling means for assembling said components into an operational tanning bed.

Claim 26 - The tanning bed of claim 25 wherein said components include a bench and a canopy, and wherein said ventilation means and said exhausting means operate independently in said bench and said canopy.

Claim 27 - The tanning bed of claim 25 wherein said components include a bench and a canopy, and wherein said ventilation means includes removable housings mounted on exterior extremities of said bench and/or said canopy.

Claim 28 - The tanning bed of claim 27 wherein said removable housing comprises a removable filter system.

Claim 29 - The tanning bed of claim 28 wherein said removable filter system includes an independently removable filter screen located inside said removable housing.